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Oregon Legislature Adjourns Since Die Last Night After Its Forty Days Session

PASSED GOOD AND BAD LAWS

Was the Most Expensive Legislature Ever Held in Oregon and the Taxpayers Will Have a Chance to Appreciate It During Next Two Years

STATEHOUSE, Salem, Or., Feb. 20.—The Legislature adjourned sine die tonight, the clock having been stopped at 1:55 o'clock this afternoon to permit action on a lot of appropriations and miscellaneous bills. The session was notable for the amount of its alleged scandal talk which developed, but which resulted in nothing more serious than unproved accusations, and for an extraordinary amount carried by appropriation bills, aggregating \$4,200,000. Among the notable measures passed was the bill providing for the sterilization of the criminal insane; the Bean bill taxing public service corporations on their capitalized net earnings, which is expected to add at least \$25,000,000 to the assessable property of the State and to bring in a revenue in excess of \$250,000 yearly; an insurance bill which taxes life insurance companies \$100 and fire insurance companies \$150 annually and which also taxes fire and insurance premiums 2 1/2 per cent. A fish bill governing fishing in the Columbia river was also passed, after a joint committee from the Oregon and Washington legislatures had agreed upon its terms.

NEW ARIZONA LAWS.

PHOENIX, Ariz., Feb. 20.—The local option bill which passed the House several days ago, was passed by the Council yesterday. The bill provides for local option by a majority, instead of the two-thirds vote as heretofore.

The bill creating a railroad commission passed the House unanimously. The bill provides for doing by a commission in an organized way what private persons could do before bringing complaints to the attention of the interstate commission, as under a territorial government the government the Interstate Commerce Commission can only pass on rates. A bill granting women's suffrage was introduced in the council. That it

DO NOT FLOURISH IN KLAMATH

Blind Pigs Are Given Short Shift by Judge Noland of the Circuit Court

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Feb. 20.—Herdsmen of blind pigs have concluded that Klamath Falls is no longer a suitable pasture for their illegal stock. All of them have promised Circuit Judge Noland that they would retire from the field, but they thought there was no hurry about doing it. The judge threatened to call another grand jury to inquire into the exact status of the places that are reputed to be selling nothing stronger than 1 per cent. This brought forth the cry, "We'll be good."

Practically all of the men under indictment pleaded guilty to selling liquor in violation of the local option law and Judge Noland imposed fines ranging from \$200 to \$500. In every instance he informed the offending

will pass that House is indicated by a test vote.

The anti-gambling bill designed to cover every technical aperture in the existing law, eliminating all manner of club gambling, is now before the governor for his signature.

THE DIVORCE MILL.

Some Swift Samples Of Judicial Expedition In New York.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—All within the space of five hours thirty two absolute divorces were granted by Justice Thomas in Brooklyn yesterday. The record case was disposed of in three minutes. This breaks all Brooklyn divorce records. The dispatch in which the legal machinery moved is attributable to the fact that none of the cases was defended.

CHINESE WON CONTEST.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 20.—A. L. Tan, a Chinese student of the University of Southern California, academy won the annual interscholastic oratorical contest held at the polytechnic high school last night, defeating representatives of Occidental Academy, Los Angeles High School and the Polytechnic High School.

His topic was "China's Call For Service," and the theme was treated in an instructive and interesting manner.

Tan has only been in this country two years. He is a very bright student and speaks English fluently. A gold medal was awarded the winner, and the oratory banner was transferred to U. S. C., from Occidental which was the winner last year.

FOOL AND HIS MONEY.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—Through an investigation in the Essex market police court it has been disclosed that a band of swindlers have been victimizing ignorant men and women on the East Side by means of a mysterious machine which they asserted would increase money if placed therein. Joseph Rosenthal, a tailor, complained that he had placed \$800 in the machine at the instance of Benjamin Bloom, a fellow tailor, and that after waiting feverishly for twenty four hours as directed, had opened the contrivance to find that it contained only worthless paper. Bloom was held in \$2000 bail for trial. Henry Lampkin of Brooklyn complained that he had lost \$750 in the same manner and inquiry by the police showed that an Italian had invested \$7000 in the money breeder and had received not a cent in return.

BELIEVES OWN STORY.

CHICAGO, Feb. 20.—That Ella Gingles who was found bound to a bathtub in the Wellington Hotel, Wednesday, believes her own story is the belief of Chief of Detectives O'Brien after an extended interview with the girl.

SCORE OF LIVES LOST IN WRECK

South American Steamer Catches Fire and Founders With Large Number Aboard

BUT 350 PEOPLE RESCUED

First Reports Were That Over 200 Lives Were Lost, But Later Details Received Showed That Catastrophe Was Not So Serious.

BUENOS AYRES, Feb. 20.—The Argentine steamer "President Boca", from Southern ports, according to reports received here, was wrecked between Puerto de San Antonio and Puerto Madra on the east coast. The steamer caught fire and it is believed the crew and 200 passengers perished. It is reported also that the steamer sank. Press dispatches state the flames are spreading with great rapidity and the steamer was headed toward the shore as rapidly as possible. Panic prevailed and many lives were lost, some estimates reaching as high as 2000. A later official report says the vessel sank, but only 20 lives were lost. Three hundred and fifty passengers and the crew were saved according to these advices.

STOCK MARKET TAKES BIG SLUMP ON STEEL

ANNOUNCEMENT OF DECISION TO CUT PRICES WAS CAUSE OF DECLINE.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—The announcement of a decision to cut steel prices, made late yesterday by Chairman E. H. Gary, of the United States Steel Corporation's board of directors, was reflected in the stock market today. Offerings of 12,000 shares of United States Steel common stock at from 47 1/2 to 47 3/4, against 43 1/2 at yesterday's close, was the feature of the opening. United States Steel preferred declined a full point. The general market was lower in sympathy, with here and there a few fractional gains.

During the second hour another drive was made against United States Steel common, forcing the price down to 46 1/2. The stock was heavily dealt in and much of it was apparently at forced sale. U. S. Steel preferred and the sinking fund 5 per cent bonds were also affected as was the entire active lists of stocks.

The market continued feverish and heavy to the close. United States Steel common was hammered down to 46, a net loss of 21 points from last night, and the preferred dropped the same. Colorado Fuel & Iron declined 6 points. Elsewhere in the list of active issue prices fell from 2 points to substantial fractions. The only notable exception was Louisville & Nashville, which gained 1 point.

COLLEGE PRESIDENT DIES.

WORCHESTER, Mass., Feb. 20.—Carroll D. Wright, president of Clark College, died tonight.

NO MORE APPOINTMENTS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 20.—President Roosevelt today announced that he would not make any more appointments during his term of office.

GOES TO GRAND CANYON.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., Feb. 19.—John Burrows, the eminent naturalist and author leaves here for the West today to fulfill, at 72 years of age, his lifelong desire to see the grand canyon of the Colorado. He will spend a day in Chicago and then go direct to the petrified forest where John Muir, the noted western explorer and discoverer of the Muir glacier is awaiting him. Together they will travel through the canyon, geologizing, and observing. Thence they will go through to California, which Mr. Burrows has never visited and will tour the state from the Oregon to the Mexican lines, spending several weeks there.

"MIKE" IS DEAD.

Famous Fire Dog Gives Up The Ghost In New York.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—"Mike", the Baritone, probably the most widely known and best loved dog ever attached to the fire department in this city, is dead. He was run over and killed by a fire truck while going to a fire last night. The truck came through Fifth Street. When Mike running ahead, reached Second Avenue, he turned around to see which way the truck would turn. He slipped on the wet pavement and before the driver could pull his horses to one side Mike was crushed. He will be buried with ceremony. Mike was a big Dalmatian and made the rounds of nearly every fire house in Manhattan and the Bronx.

TALKS BY PHONOGRAPHS.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—Speeches by phonographs was one of the features of the Amherst alumni at the Waldorf Astoria last night. Though this medium the gathering was addressed by Dean Hitchcock of the faculty, who is also the senior professor; by Representative Rainey of Illinois and Judge Samuel Sears of Chicago. The speeches did not come very smoothly from the records but the gist of what was said, could be made out and the college men enjoyed the stunt immensely.

AS OLD AS ALIACIABADES.

But Modern Divine Claims The Origin Of A Story.

CHICAGO, Feb. 20.—The Rev. D. C. Marquis of the McCormick Theological Seminary claims the authorship of one of the most popular of the Abraham Lincoln stories that about cutting off the dog's tail by inches to see if the animal could stand it.

"Dr. Steens, one of the participants in the Hampton Roads conference told me that President Lincoln related an entirely different story there and then I told the story of the man who had a sick dog and made his negro cut off his tail," said Dr. Marquis. "The negro I remember, thought so much of the dog that he cut off the tail a piece at a time to see if he dog could withstand the shock. The next night I happened to attend a meeting and Dr. Steens told my story as having originated with Lincoln and Lincoln always received credit for it after that."

CASTRO IS ADJUDGED DOWN AND OUT

FEDERAL COURT DECLARES HIM CONSTITUTIONALLY SUSPENDED.

CARACAS, Feb. 20.—Castro has lost the title of President of Venezuela, the high federal court having rendered a decision that sufficient evidence had been presented in the suit brought against him on the charge of attempting to bring about the assassination of Juan Vicente Gomez, the acting president. The decision declares Castro is constitutionally suspended from the office of President.

OREGON TO GET MILLIONS

Construction of Harriman Lines Will be Rapidly Pushed In the Northwest

\$82,000,000 WILL BE SPENT

Railroad Construction Work to be Begun Where Stopped at the Time of the Panic in 1907 in Order to Forestall Hill Enterprises.

CHICAGO, Feb. 20.—The Tribune tomorrow will say that a large part of the proceedings of the issue of \$82,000,000 of 20-year convertible bonds which the directors of the Southern Pacific Company on, last Friday announced had been authorized is to be devoted to the resumption of Harriman activity in railroad construction in the Northwest, particularly in Oregon. Several important lines in Oregon had been surveyed and well under construction in 1907 before the financial panic that year put a stop to them. Hill has recently pushed several lines into what was formerly regarded as Harriman territory and Harriman evidently proposes to forestall all such competition as might result from the action of the Oregon Legislature on Friday in passing the constitutional amendment providing that the State construct railroads. The recent rapid strides made in Oregon in irrigation and reclamation projects have stimulated railroad activity there.

FLEET'S LONG JOURNEY ENDS ON MONDAY

WILL PASS IN REVIEW BEFORE PRESIDENT AT THE EXACT HOUR INDICATED.

FORTRESS MONROE, Feb. 20.—When the saluting guns on the forward bridge of the armored cruiser North Carolina boomed 13 times today in honor of the blue flag of Rear-Admiral Sperry on the battleship Connecticut the combined forces are to enter the Virginia Capes on Monday morning to be reviewed by the President in celebration of the world cruise of the 16 American battleships were completed. Wireless signals from the North Carolina and her junior consort the Montana, early today told of the approach of the last two ships sent to welcome the home-coming vessels to the main body of the fleet. The wireless station at Norfolk navyyard could not pick up the fleet direct either last night or today an account of static interference in the atmosphere, but messages from the North Carolina contained sufficient evidence that the fleet is near enough to the Virginia Capes tonight to insure their arrival off the entrance at Hampton Roads sometime tomorrow. The fleet will lay to or maneuver off the Capes tomorrow afternoon and evening and will get under way Monday morning in time to pass into home waters and begin filing by the Mayflower exactly at the hour indicated.

STEVENSON ILL.

CHICAGO, Feb. 20.—Adlai Stevenson, former vice-president of the United States, is ill at his home in Bloomington, Ill., according to reports received here today.

BURIED FOREST FOUND.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—Army engineers who are boring for an additional water supply on the Sandy Hook military reservation have discovered what is believed to be a buried prehistoric forest on the New Jersey coast. A broad strata of wood was struck by test pipes 400 feet down. Twenty feet of this wood was bored through and an investigation is being made in the interest of archaeology.

POLICE POWER RULES.

CHICAGO, Feb. 20.—Much satisfaction is felt by the police theatre squad over a decision handed down by the state Supreme Court upholding the right of the city to exercise police power in censoring immoral pictures.

While the police department has been going ahead on the presumption that they had the right to say what sort of pictures should be shown at the 5 and 10-cent theatres as well as at the larger houses, and also have been suppressing the sale of indecent picture postal cards, the decision of the court will materially help in the crusade.

DICKINSON IS SELECTED SECRETARY OF WAR

OTHER MEMBERS ARE ALSO SELECTED FOR PLACES IN TAFT'S CABINET.

COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 20.—J. M. Dickinson of Tennessee will be secretary of war of Taft's cabinet. Charles Nagel of St. Louis, secretary of commerce and labor, and R. A. Ballinger of Seattle, secretary of the interior.

This statement is not made upon the announcement of Taft, but its correctness may be accepted without question. Taft will permit no announcements to come from his as to these conclusions. Dickinson came to Cincinnati from Chicago today and was in consultation with Taft. He is personally and most favorably known to Taft for many years. His eminent legal record and acknowledged ability should commend him peculiarly to Taft. Dickinson is a Tennessean but his duties as general solicitor of the Illinois Central Railroad obliged him to reside temporarily at Chicago. He is Democrat, although he has always opposed Bryan.

President-Elect Taft left Cincinnati today for New York. His train was greeted at many points along the road by large crowds. He will arrive at Philadelphia in the morning and deliver an address Monday at the Pennsylvania University and leave for New York Tuesday.

GASOLINE DOES GREAT DAMAGE

Explosion Blows Employer Through Front of Building and Fatally Injures Him

PORTLAND, Feb. 20.—In an explosion of a gasoline tank at the Model Dye Works, 632 Union avenue, at 11 o'clock this morning, A. J. Guthrie, an employee, was blown out through the front of the building to the street and received injuries from which he will probably die. He was rushed to the hospital.

Just how the gasoline in the tank became ignited will perhaps never be known. The only person in the building at the time was Guthrie, who was cleaning a suit of clothes for a customer.

While bending over his work there was a terrific explosion which was heard for many blocks in either direction. The entire part of the building facing the street collapsed

PRESIDENT TO BE CENSURED

Sub-committee of the Committee on Judiciary Makes a Hot Report

SAYS EXCEEDED AUTHORITY

Had no Right to Instruct Attorney-General Not to Interfere in the Merger of the United States Steel Corporation.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 20.—By a vote of three to two the sub-committee of the committee on judiciary which has been investigating the merger of the Tennessee Coal, Iron & United States Steel Corporation, today decided to report to a full committee that the President was not authorized to permit the absorption. The committee also found that the President was equally unauthorized to direct the attorney-general not to interfere with the merger and not to enforce the federal statutes against it. It was decided also that as both companies were engaged in interstate commerce the absorption was in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law. It was found that the effect and purpose of the absorption monopolized the iron ore supply of the country and generally to eliminate the Tennessee company as competitors of the United States Steel Corporation. The fact that such a report was to be made created consternation in the Senate. It was realized that if a full committee subscribed to the findings of a sub-committee the effect would be to administer the severest of rebukes to President Roosevelt and practically to direct the attorney-general to bring proceedings against the steel corporation under the Sherman law.

DO IT PEACEABLY.

OAKLAND, Feb. 20.—It is not illegal for a labor union to picket a place of business that has been declared "unfair," if the picketing is done in a peaceable manner, according to the decision of Judge Ellsworth given here, in the case of Joseph Davis, a local restaurant man against the Cooks & Waiters Alliance. Because the union posted two pickets in front of his place of business the restaurant man declared that he had suffered a loss of \$250. The court admitted the loss but contended inasmuch as the union had not brought about "By unlawful means, damages could not be imposed."